



Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2011

9:30 AM

GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE TOWER
1st Floor Conference Room
1700 W. Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007

A meeting of the Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission convened on January 20, 2011 at the Governor's Executive Tower, 1700 W. Washington Street, 1st Floor Conference Room Phoenix, AZ 85007. Present and absent were the following members:

Members Present

Cecil Patterson, Jr.	Rob Lubitz	Tim Dunst
Cindi Nannetti	Vada Jo Phelps	Jane Kallal
Derrick Johnson	Myrtle Young	
Dennis Pickering	Tom Pickrell	
Chad Campbell	Carol Hirschberg-James	
Dan Goldfine	Robert Duber	
Alice Bustillo	Robert Thomas	
Robert Brutinel	Helen Gandara	

Staff/Guests Present

Christy Alonzo-Silvestri
Steve Selover
Leah Meyers
Tammy Paz-Combs

Members Absent

Sammy Robinson	Jessica Hermann
Xavier Cameron	Merissa Amiri
Nina White	Judy Tom
Shaun Rieve	Mike Branham
Guy Penns	

A. Call to Order

Chairman Cecil Patterson called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. with eighteen (18) members and four (4) staff present.

B. Welcome/Introductions

Chairman Parson recognized long time Commission member Judge Robert Brutinel for his recent appointment to the Arizona Supreme Court, noting his dedication to children and a fair judicial system.

Judge Brutinel shared his desire to remain on the Commission and assist in carrying out the work of the Commission.

C. Approval of Minutes

Vada Jo Phelps moved to approve the minutes from the November 18, 2010 Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission meeting as drafted by staff. Tom Pickrell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

D. By-laws

Christy Alonzo-Silvestri went through the by-laws revised by the Governor's Executive Staff for Sonya Pierce-Johnson who was out sick. Ms. Alonzo-Silvestri noted that throughout the document, references to the Division for Children had been changed to the Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families. She stated that the office has gotten away from individual divisions allowing all issue areas to work cohesively. Additional changes included;

- leaving the purpose of the Commission to mirror that of the Executive Order which established the Commission,
- Article I, Section 4,(2) (D),stating that the Commission will approve an operating budget for Commission set-a-side dollars,
- the removal of the number for a quorum in Article III, Section 2 (A),
- the inclusion of attendance by members in Article II, Section 4,
- the use of proxy votes, one time in a twelve (12) month period, in Article III, Section 5,
- the inclusion of "workgroups" in Articles IV and V,
- the elimination of the last sentence in Article VIII.

Tom Pickrell moved to adopt the by-laws as revised by staff. Myrtle Young seconded the motion. Motion carried.

E. Title II

1. Compliance Appeal

Ms. Alonzo-Silvestri informed members that the Department of Justice, Office of Legal Council requested additional information in response to the Appeal Letter submitted upon notification that Arizona had been found out of compliance for the Deinstitutionalization of Status Offender (DSO) core requirement. She noted that the majority of the request was specific to the San Carlos Detention and Rehabilitation Center's violations, but did include additional information on violations that were minors in possession/consumption of alcohol.

Ms. Alonzo-Silvestri reported that the office intends to have the additional information sent to the Office of Legal Council next week.

2. Out of Compliance Obligation

Ms. Alonzo-Silvestri reminded members of the possible 20% reduction in funding and the obligation to focus 50% of the remaining dollars to the area deemed out of compliance, (Deinstitutionalization of Status Offenders), if in fact determined to be out of compliance. As noted at the November meeting, there is a current gap of \$79,000 to meet this obligation. Under the advisement of the Commission, Ms. Alonzo-Silvestri sought input from current subgrantees on the impact of a funding reduction, which could

be significant. However, the office was made aware of an opportunity to utilize program development dollars to fund additional strategies to address DSO, without cutting current subgrantee budgets. She noted that these dollars must fund programs and go to a local unit of government.

Members were directed to a handout illustrating violations reported by Pinal and Navajo Counties during calendar year 2010. The violations reported had significantly increased from previous years, and if not addressed may contribute to additional years of non-compliance.

Dan Goldfine moved to have staff speak with Pinal and Navajo Counties to develop a plan to address the deinstitutionalization of status offender violations. Chad Campbell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Additional suggestions to further reduce DSO violations included providing information at the Judicial Conference in June, and providing technical assistance to new Judges and Court Administrators as a change occurs.

Chad Campbell noted that the Chief Justice recently signed an Administrative Order for Detention Standards, and that conducting operational reviews with the County Detention Centers may assist in reducing violations as well.

Dennis Pickering noted that Arizona's state law does not match the federal law that determines violations, and suggested the Commission spend time generating tactics to align state and federal laws.

F. Children's Justice

1. Statewide Assessment Timeline

Ms. Alonzo-Silvestri referred to the timeline created by John Raeder, the Program Administrator for Children's Justice who was also out. She reminded members that a three-year assessment is required to be submitted to the Department of Health and Human Services in May of 2012. Mr. Raeder is currently researching entities on state contract that may have the expertise to conduct the assessment.

G. Juvenile Accountability Block Grant

Ms. Alonzo-Silvestri reported that Ms. Pierce-Johnson will be submitting the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant State Plan to the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention no later than February 24, 2011. The plan will include all seventeen (17) purpose areas as voted on by the Commission. The plan will also include state retained dollars to both the Administrative Office of the Courts and the Department of Juvenile Corrections based on proposed need and programs.

H. 2011 Meeting Dates

A handout indicating Commission meetings held on the third Thursday of every other month during calendar year 2011 was provided to members. The handout also includes Executive Committee meetings held on the first Thursday of the same month. Meeting

dates for standing committees and workgroups will be determined in the coming weeks and the handout will be updated.

I. Other Business

Dennis Pickering announced his attendance at the last Federal Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice meeting where it was determined the group will be sun setting. He noted that discussion of some type of reconstitution was held, and suggested Arizona communicate with the Federal agency to express interest in be reconstituted agency.

J. Call to the Public

There were no public members present for the meeting.

K. Adjourn

Chairman Patterson adjourned the meeting at 10:55 am.

*The next meeting of the Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission is Thursday,
March 2410 at 9:30 am*